

## SERVICE MILESTONES

## Another Name Increases List Of 20-Year People To 276

When Frances Brewer of Cotton Weaving received her 20-year service pin and gold watch recently, it brought back many a memory of that first day she came to work here on December 30, 1937.

Her name, added to the lengthening roster of those who have spent 20 years on the job here, increased the number in that classification to 276.

At the same time Mrs. Brewer reached the 20-year milestone, there were five added to the fifteen-year list. Also, two reached the ten-year service mark, while three were marked up for five years of employment. All have received their service pins.

The December list includes:

### Fifteen Years

Henry G. Church, Carding; Lillian W. Morrison, Spinning; Garfield Thomas, Rayon Twisting; Melvin Morrison, Rayon Weaving; Hobert T. Aldridge (Overseer), Rayon Twisting.

### Ten Years

Oscar W. Hart, James Moore, Rayon Twisting.

### Five Years

Edward Knox, Cotton Twisting; Martha R. Webster, Rayon Weaving; Marshall J. Gilbert, Mechanical Department.

Belonging to the ten-year roster and not previously reported in the plant newspaper: Thelma Hiott, Spinning. Her first decade of service was completed last summer. Through an oversight, her name was not included in the listing at that time.

## IN SERVICE

Private First Class Donald Kelly spent the Christmas holiday season with his wife and son, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kelly in Gastonia. Donald's father is second hand in SYC Weaving. Donald is a former employee in SYC Weaving here. He has reported to an army station in New Jersey, from which point he will be sent on a tour of service in Germany.



Gaston County Boys—Wilburn Summey (behind microphone), is regular vocalist and guitarist. Other band members with the Firestone employee are (from left): Charles Davis, Don Green, and Joe Hudson.

## Twisting Doffer Is Featured Vocalist Of Radio Playboys

More than likely, you'll hear the smooth vocal stylings of Wilburn Summey, if you dial your radio to The Voice of the Spindles any Saturday from 11:35 to 12 noon.

The nine-year Firestone employee manages a pretty busy schedule of entertaining with the Gaston County Boys, when he is off the job from his duties on second shift Cable Twisting. Besides his talented voice, his nimble fingers as a doffer carry over to make him one of the most popular guitar pickers in this section of the country.

Wilburn recalls that his interest in country and Western music goes back to the days of his childhood. It wasn't long after he acquired his first guitar that he could plunk a fair tune to accompany his singing of ballads. First it was for his own entertainment. Then other folks liked it, so he began to team up with some of his neighbor friends, to specialize in folk

songs and some of the "better grade" of hillbilly and Western compositions.

ALMOST four years ago he joined the Gaston County Boys string band. Ever since, he has been entertaining on radio and television stations in the Carolinas.

For two years the band had a weekly show from WKMT, Kings Mountain. A year and a half ago, the boys came to WGNC, Gastonia.

This musical troupe has appeared on programs over WSPA-TV, Spartanburg, and WLOS-TV, Asheville. Once the boys made a good showing for themselves on the Arthur Smith "Crackerjack" Talent Hunt. They went on to participate in the finals over WBTV in Charlotte.

In the Gaston County Boys current program series at WGNC, the Firestone doffer is the featured vocalist.



James Cooper, Time Study, points to an article on the death of Abraham Lincoln, in one of the newspapers he gave the high school library. Looking on: Mrs. John Riley, librarian, R. E. Carothers, Ashley principal.

## Antique Papers At Library A Gift Of Time Study Man

Students at Gastonia's Ashley High will get a closer look at history because of a Firestone man's gift to the school library. James M. Cooper, chief Time Study engineer, recently donated two old newspapers from his collection of historical items.

The Journals given to the library are: A June 24, 1812 copy of The London Times, and a copy of the April 16, 1865 New York Herald.

The Times, a four-page tabloid, represents a "news extra" chronicling the closing military campaigns of Napoleon Bonaparte, ending with the Battle of Waterloo. Besides reporting the "long and sanguinary conflict" of the closing days of the Waterloo engagements the English newspaper reflects the home-front life of that day.

THE STUDENT of history may read of art exhibits, creditors' notices, sermon topics, front-page ads for domestic servants, board and lodging, apprentices, household goods, tutoring and nursing services.

The assassination of President Abraham Lincoln furnishes the lead story for the New York Herald, the second paper which Mr. Cooper has placed in the Ashley library. Its single-sheet format presents an example of quaint journalism. Besides the account of the President, it contains dispatches from the battlefields of the Civil War, including a proclamation by Confederate President Jefferson Davis.

Both papers placed in the school library were taken from Mr. Cooper's collection of a half-dozen old journals which have been carefully preserved between the pages of a family Bible.

Before the presentation was made, Firestone carpenters built a display case for each newspaper. The cases are designed for permanent keeping of the journals, at the same time permitting all pages to be read behind windows of lucite.



## McGinnis-Hamrick

Glenna Rose Hamrick and Robert Reid McGinnis were married in a ceremony at Unity Baptist Church Parsonage December 21. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Earline Gordon of Gastonia and Fred D. Hamrick of Buffalo, S. C. Her husband's parents are Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McGinnis of Gastonia.

The bride attended Ashley High School and Evans College of Commerce. A PBX operator at the plant, she will continue to live in Gastonia, while Mr. McGinnis is assigned to duty at Fort Bragg, N. C.

## General Manager Heads Council

General Manager Harold Mercer is serving as chairman of the Advisory Council of the School of Engineering, North Carolina State College. Chosen at a recent meeting of the group in Winston-Salem, Mr. Mercer is among 15 members of the Council for 1958.

The 33 members present from State College included Chancellor C. H. Bostian and J. H. Lampe, dean of the School of Engineering.

The Advisory Council is made up of leaders in business and industry in the State. It functions to promote the progress and best interests of the School of Engineering, "in the successful accomplishment of its mission."

At the meeting attended by 71 from industry and State College, Dean Lampe expressed belief that the young people of North Carolina are one of the State's most important resources.

"It is through such groups as the Advisory Council that the College staff and industrial leaders can deal with mutual problems, whereby the educational program of the State may best be strengthened," he said. The School of Engineering has a total enrollment of 3,425, he noted.

## R. S. Firestone Leads UCPA

Roger S. Firestone, president of Firestone Plastics Company, Pottstown, Pa., is serving again this year as president of United Cerebral Palsy Association, Inc. He was re-elected to this office at the organization's recent annual convention in St. Louis.

Mr. Firestone is the youngest of five sons of the late Harvey S. Firestone, Company Founder. He was graduated from Princeton University in 1935 and did postgraduate work at the California Institute of Technology.

In 1938 Mr. Firestone organized and became president of the Firestone Rubber and Latex Products Company of Fall River, Mass. Then in 1942 he entered the Navy, rising to the rank of lieutenant commander. He was released from service in 1945.

He then became president of Firestone Aircraft Company and manager of the new products department of the parent Company. In 1947 he was elected president of Firestone Plastics Company.

Mr. Firestone is a board member of the Boy Scouts of America, and of the Freedoms Foundation.

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